

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 21 and 22 are now present in this application. Claims 21 and 22 are independent.

Claims 1-20 have been canceled and claims 21 and 22 have been added. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

II. Drawings

Applicants have not received a Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review PTO-948 indicating whether or not the formal drawings have been approved by the Draftsperson. Since no objection has been received, Applicants assume that the drawings are acceptable and that no further action is necessary. Confirmation thereof in the next Office Action is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Stefik, EP 0715247 A1. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4 and 6-20 have been cancelled, thus rendering this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stefik. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 5 has been cancelled, thus rendering this rejection under 35

U.S.C. § 103 moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

V. Claims 21 and 22

Claims 21 and 22 have been added for the Examiner's consideration.

Independent claim 21 recites a combination of steps in a method for uploading a digital data file including checking a source of said digital file, and controlling whether to upload said digital data file based on said checked result. In addition, independent claim 22 recites a combination of elements in a program embodied on a computer-readable medium for uploading a digital data file including a first program code segment to check a source of said digital data file, and a second program code segment to control whether to upload said digital file based on said checked result. Applicants respectfully submit that these combinations of steps and elements as set forth in independent claims 21 and 22 are not disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record, including Stefik.

Applicants submit that claims 21 and 22 are supported by the specification, page 7, lines 1-9.

Consideration and allowance of claims 21 and 22 are respectfully requested.

VI. Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone James T. Eller, Jr., Registration No. 39,538, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

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02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

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